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1. OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN THE CANAL ZONE INCLUDE:

A. U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS (USARSA) PROVIDES A BASIC STRUCTURE OF MILITARY TRAINING WHICH HAS ASSISTED IN STANDARDIZING MILITARY CONCEPTS, ACHIEVED HIGHER LEVELS OF PROFESSIONALISM AND INCREASED CAPA-BILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL SECURITY AND GREATER MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. FACULTY PRESENTLY INCLUDES 40 LA GUEST INSTRUCTORS SELECTED FROM THE SCHOOL'S DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES AND INVITED
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FOR A ONE-YEAR TOUR OF DUTY. SINCE 1966 SCHOOL HAS

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GRADUATED 12,359 LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS OF WHICH 888 HAVE BEEN PANAMANIANS.

B. INTER-AMERICAN AIR FORCES ACADEMY (IAAFA) OFFERS PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND TECHNICAL TRAINING IN OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALITIES OF LATIN AMERICAN AIR FORCES BY USING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND LA INSTRUCTORS.

IAAFA PROVIDES SPANISH TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR AIR FORCE TRAINING PUBLICATIONS; OFFERS PROFESSIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSES.

C. U.S. NAVY SMALL CRAFT INSTRUCTION AND TECHNICAL TEAM (SCIATT), PROVIDES TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION NEEDED TO OPERATE PATROL BOATS AND SMALL CRAFT OF CENTRAL AMERICAN NAVIES; OFFERS SPANISH LANGUAGE TRAINING IN OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OVERHAUL OF SMALL CRAFT; AND FORMS MOBILE ADVISORY TEAMS DURING PERIODS WHEN CLASSES ARE NOT IN SESSION. OF 579 LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS TRAINED BY SCIATT OVER PAST NINE YEARS, 114 HAVE BEEN PANAMANIANS.

D. INTER-AMERICAN GEODETIC SURVEY (IAGS). PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO COOPERATING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN PRODUCTION OF CARTOGRAPHIC, GEODETIC AND GEOPHYSICAL DATA; OPERATES TRAINING CENTER; SERVES AS POINT OF CONTACT FOR ALL CARTOGRAPHIC PROGRAMS BEING EXECUTED BY USG IN REGION; AND FOSTERS STANDARDIZATION OF CARTOGRAPHIC, GEODETIC AND GEOPHYSICAL EQUIPMENT, PROCEDURES AND SPECIFICATIONS. PROVIDES LIAISON, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, TRAINING FACILITIES, AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO NACIONAL, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA'S AGENCY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAPPING PROGRAM. OF 2565 LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS TRAINED BY IAGS OVER PAST 15 YEARS, 240 HAVE BEEN PANAMANIANS.

E. JUNGLE OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTER (JOTC).TRAINS LATIN AMERICAN AND US PERSONNEL IN TECHNIQUES OF JUNGLE SURVIVAL, JUNGLE OPERATIONS, MILITARY TECHNICAL SKILLS, LEADERSHIP TECHNIQUES, AND TACTICAL DOCTRINE; ASSISTS CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND DOCTRINE RELATED TO ART OF JUNGLE WARFARE. TRAINED 200 GUARDIA NACIONAL PERSONNEL DURING 1974.

F. USAF TROPICAL SURVIVAL SCHOOL. TRAINS AIR CREWS AND LATAM PERSONNEL IN BASIC TROPICAL SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES AND IN EMPLOYMENT OF STANDARD AND IMPROVISED SURVIVAL AND LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. USES PANAMANIAN

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INSTRUCTORS WHO PROVIDE A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE WHICH ENRICHES SCHOOL CURRICULUM. OVER 20 PANAMANIAN STUDENTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED SINCE DECEMBER 1972.

G. U.S. ARMY TROPICAL TEST CENTER. PLANS AND CONDUCTS ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER TESTING, ENGINEER DESIGN TESTING, SERVICE TESTING, INTEGRATED ENGINEER SERVICE TESTING, EVALUATIONS, CHECK TESTING, AND CONFORMITARY TESTING OF MATERIEL.

H. U.S. NAVAL SECURITY GROUP-GALETA ISLAND. CONTRIBUTES COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO CANAL DEFENSE.

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J. PERMANENT COMMISSION OF INTER-AMERICAN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS (COPECOMI). FACILITATES COORDINATION OF AMERICAN ARMIES IN COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS FIELDS; SERVES AS EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF CHIEFS OF COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICAN ARMIES (CCEA); OPERATES INTER-AMERICAN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (RECIM) TO COMMUNICATE WITH AMERICAN ARMIES VIA RADIO NETWORK. NET CONTROL STATION IS OPERATED BY U.S. AT COROZAL, PANAMA IS ALTERNATE NET CONTROL STATION. PANAMA, AS ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN COPECOMI, HOSTED VII CONFERENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS CHIEFS OF AMERICAN ARMIES DURING SEPTEMBER 1974.

K. INTER-AMERICAN NAVAL TELECOMM NETWORK. PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL COMMUNICATIONS ASSET OF 12 MEMBER COUNTRIES. NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION, BALBOA SERVES AS U.S. ENTRY
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FOR NETOWRK; ACTS AS PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR SYSTEM; CENTRALIZES AND DOCUMENTS DATA; COORDINATES OPERATIONS, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT WITH CHIEFS OF NAVAL COMMUNICATION OF MEMBER NAVIES; AND CONDUCTS FORMAL TRAINING IN COMMUNICATIONS.

L. MISSION RADIO SYSTEM. PROVIDES AN UNCLASSIFIED RADIO LINK TO U.S. MILITARY GROUPS IN LATIN AMERICA; PROVIDES ALERTING NETWORK TO U.S. EMBASSIES IN CASE OF NATURAL DISASTER, POLITICAL TURMOIL.

M. INTER-AMERICAN AF TELECOMM SYSTEM. LINKS CHIEFS OF LATIN AMERICAN AIR FORCES AND NORTH AMERICA. USED FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE, AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT, AND OTHER OPERATIONAL MATTERS.

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2. NON-MILITARY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN THE CANAL ZONE INCLUDE:

A. SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (STRI). A SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BUREAU ENGAGING IN RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE GLOBAL TROPICAL ZONES. STRI IS ENTRUSTED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS WITH THE PRE-SERVATION AND STUDY OF BARRO COLORADO ISLAND. MAIN-TAINS A REGIONAL OFFICE IN THE CANAL ZONE, A NATURE PRESERVE AND FIELD STATION ON BARRO COLORADO, AND VARIOUS LABORATORIES AT OTHER LOCATIONS WITHIN THE ZONE.

B. FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE (FBIS). MONITORS LATIN AMERICAN RADIO, TELEVISION AND PRESS REPORTS AND PROVIDES ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSCRIPTS.

C. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA). MAINTAINS A REGIONAL OFFICE IN THE ZONE WHICH SUPERVISES CONSTRUCTION OF THE DARIEN GAP SEGMENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY. FHWA DIVISION OFFICE IN COSTA RICA IS INVOLVED IN PAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY MATTERS.

D. GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE - MIDDLE ATLANTIC RESEARCH UNIT (MARU). CONDUCTS RESEARCH ON DISEASES ENDEMIC TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. MARU OPERATES UNDER A CON-CONFIDENTIAL

TRACT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND THE GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATES THE GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

E. FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY (FAA). PROVIDES AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES TO AIR CARRIERS TRANSITTING PANAMA AND SURROUNDING AIRSPACE AS OBLIGATED BY INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) UNDER CARIBBEAN REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION PLAN. PROVIDES AIR NAVIGATION AIDS, AVIATION COMMUNICATIONS, AND AIRCRAFT DIRECTION FINDING SERVICES WITHIN PANAMA AND PERIPHERAL AIRSPACE. PROVIDES HIGH STANDARDS OF FLIGHT SAFETY, PROVIDES TRAINING FOR PANAMANIANS IN US AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROCEDURES, AND AFFORDS STANDARDIZED APPROACH TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

3. A PROPOSED DRAFT AGREEMENT CONCERNING REQUIRED RIGHTS FOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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